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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Duc Nguyen

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nolting et al (6,298,123) in view of Johnson et al (5,345,595).

Consider claim 1-6, 8, 13-20. Nolting teaches a method for detecting a fraud event in a distributed telecommunications network (the network in fig(s). 4-5), wherein the distributed network (in fig(s). 4-5) inherently enables performance of at least two functions selected from a list comprising an access function, a transport function, an application function, a management function and a security function (col(s). 20, line(s) 41-60), by respective functional groups of elements and wherein each of the groups comprising at least one element capable of performing operations related to at least the function of the particular functional group and operative to create records (call detail record CDR, see fig(s). 4) on the operations the method comprising steps of obtaining records data related to at least one telecommunications session (col(s). 9, line(s) 19-29) and originating from one or more of the elements (see fig(s). 5-7) belonging to at least two the functional groups, analyzing the records data (col(s). 10, line(s) 10-27; col(s). 14, line(s) 32-67). Nolting does not teach analyzing the records data thus obtained to determine whether there is a lack of consistency between the records data respectively obtained from the at

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least two functional groups, if the lack of consistency is determined, concluding that there is a fraud event.

Johnson teaches analyzing the records data thus obtained to determine whether there is a lack of consistency between the records data respectively obtained from the at least two functional groups, if the lack of consistency is determined, concluding that there is a fraud event (col(s) 6, line(s) 33 through col(s) 8, line(s) 8) for the purpose of detecting potentially fraudulent telecommunication system usage (col(s) 1, line(s) 8-18).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize the teachings of Johnson into the teachings of Nolting for the purpose mentioned above.

Consider claim 7. Col(s). 9, line(s) 19-29 of Nolting and col(s). 8, line(s) 9-68 of Johnson read on the limitations of this claim.

Consider claims 9-12. Fig(s). 3A-L and fig(s). 4A-L of Johnson read on the limitations of these claims.


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Duc Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-7503. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00AM to 3:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kuntz Curtis can be reached on 571-272-7499. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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